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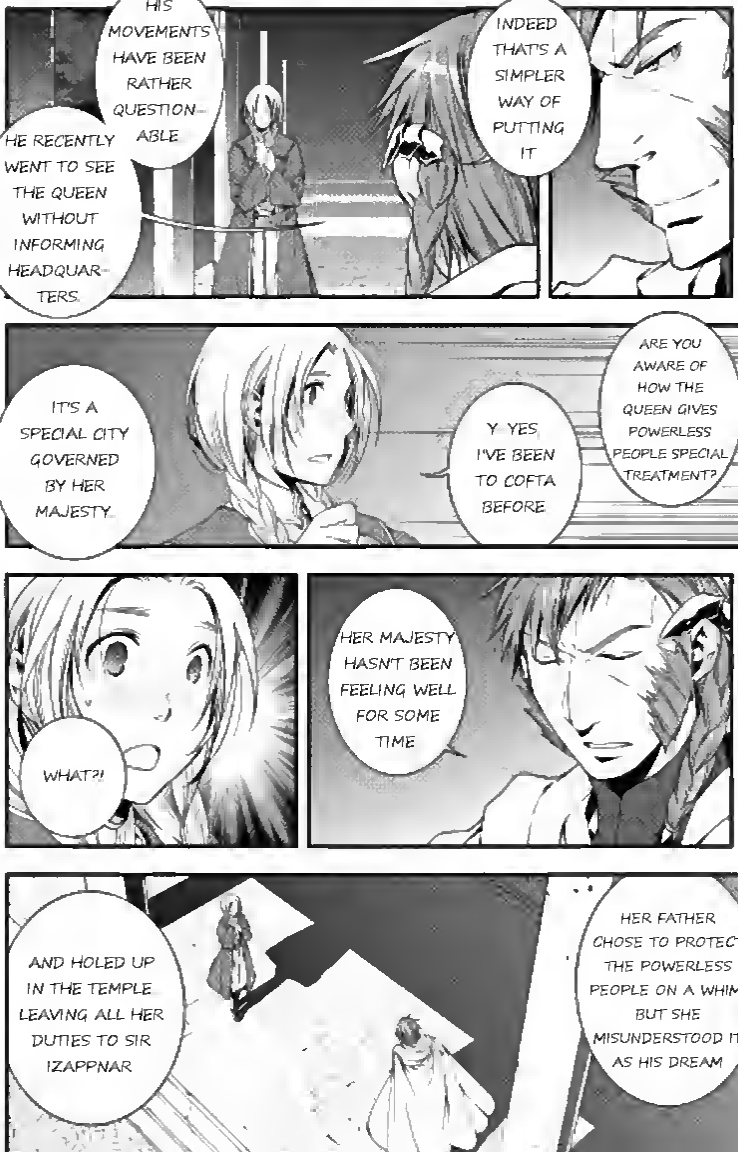
PLAUSHA, I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE ON A SECRET MISSION.
I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE WATER TROUPE AND INVESTIGATE INSTRUCTOR ZESHALD.
THE INSTRUCTOR? BUT WHY?
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'S BEEN TRICKING US.
DO YOU MEAN HE'S A SPY FOR FONCLANC?


HIS MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN RATHER QUESTIONABLE
HE RECENTLY WENT TO SEE THE QUEEN WITHOUT INFORMING HEADQUARTERS.
INDEED THAT'S A SIMPLER WAY OF PUTTING IT
IT'S A SPECIAL CITY GOVERNED BY HER MAJESTY.
Y-YES, I'VE BEEN TO COFTA BEFORE.
ARE YOU AWARE OF HOW THE QUEEN GIVES POWERLESS PEOPLE SPECIAL TREATMENT?
WHAT?!
HER MAJESTY HASN'T BEEN FEELING WELL FOR SOME TIME
AND HOLED UP IN THE TEMPLE LEAVING ALL HER DUTIES TO SIR IZAPPNAR
HER FATHER CHOSE TO PROTECT THE POWERLESS PEOPLE ON A WHIM BUT SHE MISUNDERSTOOD IT AS HIS DREAM

HIS AIM IS LIKELY TO GAIN A HIGHER POSITION AND CAUSE MAYHEM
ZESHALD IS CLAIMING TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE POWERLESS PEOPLE TO GAIN FAVOR WITH HER
PLEASE WAIT,
SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THIS IS -
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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS ELITE AGENT THAT FONCLANC
IS TREATING AS A HERO HAS QUITE THE TIES TO ZESHALD
IT'S UNFORTU NATE WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOUR SISTER IN THAT FORTRESS

THE INSTRUC-TOR...
I HEARD THAT YOUR SISTER WAS A RELAY WIND ARTIST.
... YES.
FONCLANC'S NASTY LITTLE TRADITION OF RANKING DIVINE ARTS DEGRADES WIND ARTISTS TO A LOW POSITION IN SOCIETY.
IT'S NOT HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT SORT OF THINGS THEY DO
TO THE UNFORTUNATE FEMALE WIND ARTISTS THEY FIGHT
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T-THAT...
BUT YOU ARE HIS STUDENT. GIVING YOU A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP
OUR CURRENT AGENTS ARE TRACKNG HIM, BUT THEY CANNOT GET CLOSE.
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ONCE YOU RETURN TO THE LODGE... YOU WILL SIMPLY REPORT WHAT HAPPENED
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YOU JUST NEED TO JOIN THE WATER TROUPE AND STAY CLOSE TO ZESHALD. HE'LL NO DOUBT TRY TO USE YOU.

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE I WAS LAST HERE
MR YUUSUKE!
WELCOME BACK!

I'M BACK, SUN
AH, THIS IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND
HE WAS ESTRANGED WHILE YOU WERE AROUND SO YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T MEET HIM.
BUT SINCE I'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE LATELY, HE GOT WORRIED AND STARTED VISITING ME
HEY THERE I'M TALIS
I'M YUUSUKE, NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M GONNA NEED TO PUT AWAY ALL THIS LUGGAGE.

NEARLY EVERYTHING'S BEEN SORTED AND PUT AWAY I'LL BE GOING
HIS ASSISTANCE SURE HELPED
YEP HE'S EVEN HELPING PREPARE FOR THE FESTIVAL
IS THIS FESTIVAL GONNA BE BIG?
WE JUST COOK FOOD AND EAT OUTSIDE
BUT THIS YEAR LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE LIVELY
SOUNDS FUN

I WASN'T SURE WHAT YOU'D LIKE SO I RANDOMLY PICKED THAT ONE
OH THAT?
WOW, THESE CLOTHES
THANK YOU
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.

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ARE THEY THAT CLOSE?
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YUUSUKE!

HI MS BAHANA
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN DOING THAT MUCH PHYSICAL LABOR
SO YOU'VE RETURNED?
I'VE HEARD ALL THIS TALK OF YOU BEING A HERO, BUT YOU'RE STILL AS SCRAWNY AS YOU WERE.

SUN WON'T LET ME HELP OUT BECAUSE SHE THINKS I'M STILL TIRED.
YOU'RE NOT BUSY WITH ANYTHING?

SAY, YUUSUKE YOU GOT A MINUTE?
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THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
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WOAH, I'M BEING SEDUCED BY A WIDOW!
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I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SUN!
OW!
AFTER YOU AND THE DOCTOR LEFT TALIS DECIDED TO GO AFTER SUN
AREN'T THEY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
HE'S GOING AFTER HER NOW BECAUSE IT'S EASIER WHEN SHE LIVES ALONE!
YOU NEED TO PROTECT HER BEFORE HE SNATCHES HER AWAY!
AW COME ON, IT'S NOT NICE TO INTERFERE WITH SOMEONE'S ROMANCE
AND SUN DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH HIM, SO I'M IN NO PLACE TO SAY ANYTHING

HE EVEN TRIED COMING ON TO ME BUT I BROKE HIS TEETH
YOU'RE TERRIFY-ING...
TALIS LOVES TO BRAG ABOUT HOW MANY GIRLS HE'S MANAGED TO GRAB!
HE'S THE SORT OF SCUM THAT'LL TAKE A GIRL BY FORCE IF HE CAN'T TALK HER INTO IT!
WELL IF YOU SAY IT'S THAT BAD
I GUESS I'LL TRY SOMETHING
I WOULD'VE PREFERRED IF YOU INSTEAD SAID SOMETHING LIKE "I'LL NEVER LEAVE HER ALONE!"
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SUN
OH
YOU WERE
IN THE HOUSE
MR. YUUSUKE?
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HERE
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WHAT?!
A A
RING?!
MS. BAHANA
TALKED ABOUT
WHAT TALIS
HAS DONE
BEFORE
SO I MADE
THAT FOR
YOU AS A
PROTECTIVE
CHARM
OH
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WHAT IS
IT?

THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME
IT'S NOTHING
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MR. YUUSUKE I'VE HEARD ABOUT HOW YOU'RE AN OFFICIAL NOW!

TELL US SOME STORIES ABOUT IT!
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THAT JUST KIND OF HAPPENED
THEY'RE NOT AS FUN AS YOU'RE THINKING THEY ARE
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WHY DON'T YOU GO AND JOIN THEM?
I CAN ASK HIM ANY OTHER TIME
BAHANA WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEAT
WOAH, THE MEAT THIS YEAR IS GOOD, SO EVERYONE'S PROBABLY GOBBLING IT UP
I GOTTA GO DEAL WITH THAT
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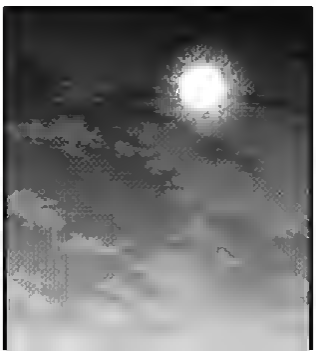
HE~LP ME~!
YEP

HE SURE IS POPULAR

MIND HELPING ME?
SUN, I'M GONNA BE GETTING THE FRUITS THAT WERE BEING COOLED IN THE WELL



OH SURE

WHA?!
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HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TALIS?!
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HUH? YOU CAN QUIT PLAYING DUMB. YOU FOLLOWED ME ALL THE WAY HERE!
NO! I DIDN'T INTEND TO DO THIS!
STOP
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GUH
抵…! SHE'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT……!
UUUGH

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WHAT
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HELL?!
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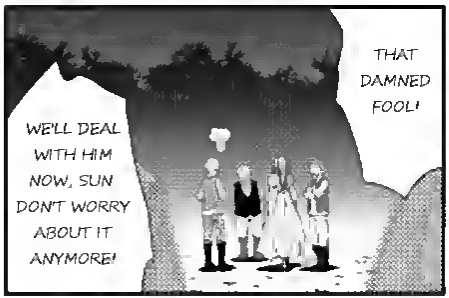
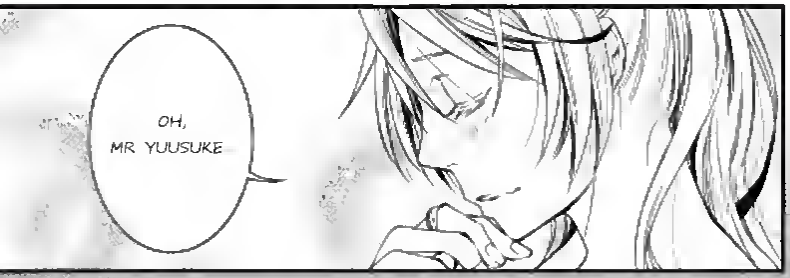
RING OF STRENGTH
GREATLY INCREASES THE WEARER'S STRENGTH


THAT DAMNED FOOL!
WE'LL DEAL WITH HIM NOW, SUN DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT ANYMORE!



ON THAT SAME DAY QUEEN RISHALEUS MADE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF BLUE GARDEN

"DIVINE ARTS CHIEF ZESHALD IS NOW AN ASSOCIATE ANSWERING DIRECTLY TO ME HIS WORK IN PAULA WILL BE A SIGN OF HIS LOYALTY."

THE PEOPLE OF BLUE GARDEN WERE SPLIT 2 WAYS BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.